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SUBJECT: FRG MINISTERIAL MEETING ON AGRICULTURE, SEPT. 11

1. EMBASSY REPS WERE ADVISED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF CABINET MINISTERS HAS BEEN CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 11, BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO DISCUSS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PROBLEMS. BONN MEETING WILL FOLLOW EC COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3 AND MEETING OF AGRICULTURE MINISTER ERTL WITH LEADERSHIP OF GERMAN FARMERS UNION BETWEEN SEPT. 5-10 IN BAVARIA. EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT FRG POSTURE IN BRUSSELS WILL BE NON-COMMITTED PENDING RESULTS OF BOTH LATER DISCUSSIONS.

2. THUS VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY YEUTTER WITH MINISTER ERTL ON SEPTEMBER 12 IS OPPORTUNE.

3. FARMER DISSATISFACTION HAS NOT BEEN AS PUBLICLY EVIDENT IN FRG AS IN OTHER EC MEMBER STATES EXCEPT FOR ISOLATED EVENTS SUCH AS IN LOWER SAXONY WHERE MANURE WAS RECENTLY PILED IN FRONT OF LAND AGRICULTURE IN HANNOVER AND POTATO PRODUCERS IN THE SAME VICINITY DREW ATTENTION TO LOW PRICES BY OFFERING SEVERAL TONS FREE TO LOCAL MARKET SHOPPERS.

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4. RUMORS ARE THAT UNLESS SOME PRODUCER SATISFAC-

TION IS GENERATED FROM THE FARMERS UNION MEETING, PRO-
DUCERS' CURRENT
STATE OF QUIESCENCE MAY BE REPLACED BY A
MORE MILITANT POSTURE.
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